Chapter
End

YES, YES, I KNOW.
I'LL BRING HIM ALONG.
IF THAT WON'T WORK, THEN AT LEAST ONE OF THEM...
...OK.
SHINE
WHAT, NOW?
!!!

I'M STILL EATING.
GNAW!
GNAW!
whoosh
GNAW!
GNAW!
!!!
DON'T LOOK, KAZUHA!
...!
peek
It's quiet ...?

YUGI
...
KAZUHA
...
YUGI.
!
approach
JEEZ, YOU SURPRISED ME!
OH ...?
SIT UP
HUH?
OW!
grab
struggle

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SEE YOU!
squeal
HUG
LONG TIME NO SEE, YUGI!
SIT UP
YES, YES, LONG TIME NO SEE.
grin
MIKA-CHAN?!
MORN-ING!
grab
AH...
AND? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I NEVER HEARD YOU WERE COMING.
CLICK
KAZU-KUN! INTRUDER ON THE PRE-MISE!
MIKA-CHAN'S HERE!
...LOVE?
Hmm
I WAS FEELING ANXIOUS
COULD THIS BE ...

Nggarrgh!
LIAR !!!
SUPER-POWERS!
grin
SLAM
WHAT ?!
HOW'D HE GET THE DOOR UNLOCK-ED?!
pout
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
JUST FOR TODAY... Whine
LEMME STAY...
WE'LL WALK YOU... sigh
DUN WANNA !
Shoo! GO HOME!
HOW LONG YOU PLANNING ON FOL-LOWING US?!
NO!

DASH
CRAP!
I'M BAD WITH CRYING KIDS AND NOH DRUMS!
GEEK ...
Seriously? Noh..?
WHO'S THE KID OUTSIDE?
He's so cute!
AN... UMM... A KID OF AN ACQUAINTANCE?
MAYBE...
WELL, IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THAT
NOW WE KNOW YOU ARE RELAXED ENOUGH TO BRING A KID TO WORK
HE'S THE ONE WHO...!
SLAM!
Calm down
IT'S ALL RIGHT
WELL THEN, LET'S GET STARTED ON THE DEBRIEFING

THERE'S ALREADY FIVE VICTIMS IN THIS CASE.
ALL OF THE BODIES WERE DISCOVERED IN CAPITAL GRACE PARK EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT.
HOLY CRAP! GOUGED AS IF ATTACKED BY A RABID DOG...
YES,
THE COMMONALITIES BETWEEN ALL THE VICTIMS ARE THAT THE FLESH FROM THEIR NECKS WERE GOUGED OUT...
...AND THAT THEIR BLOOD WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DRAINED FROM THEIR BODIES.
SO IT'S A VAMPIRE...?
THAT IS NOT ALL.
LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE PHOTOGRAPHS
OH...
THESE VICTIMS...
...ARE ALL BT CARRIERS...?
THAT'S RIGHT.

SO A CARRIER IS ATTACKING OTHER CARRIERS?
KIND OF LIKE US.
YOU COULD SAY THAT, BUT...
THERE IS NOT A TRACE OF JUSTICE IN THE WAY THESE VICTIMS WERE KILLED.
YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT.
YOUR MISSION THIS TIME
...IS TO QUICKLY ERADICATE THIS BY VAMPIRE WHO TARGETS OTHER CARRIERS ONLY.
WE ARE ALREADY MARKING A MAN.
GET THE DETAILS FROM THE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT.
ROGER THAT!
...

This was the case that brought the blood-line of the Shinomiya brothers to light.
The events that started that day.
Maybe I'm being too suspi-cious
Should I have told them...?
INFORMATION ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT
THIS IS THE FEED FROM THE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE CAPITAL GRACE PARK WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED
THE PROBLEM IS HERE.
WE'VE ALREADY PROCESSED THE AREAS AND THERE ARE CROWDS THERE NOW, BUT...

HUH?
BINGO.
THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME PERSON APPEARING!
IN ALL FIVE OF THE CRIME SCENES.
THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO SHOWS UP IN ALL OF THEM.
THE PERPETRATOR WILL DEFINITELY RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
sparkle
...
IT'S A MAN WHO DOESN'T LIVE ALL TOO FAR FROM THE CRIME SCENE.
SURE,
DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?

KUROUZU CANDLES
EXCUSE ME!
EXCUSE ME!
SHH!
DOES HE WANT TO DO BUSINESS OR NOT?
OH!
YUGI. FLOWERS!
THESE CANDLES HAVE FLOWERS ON THEM!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
AS IT WAS HARD TO OBTAIN FLOWERS TO OFFER PRIESTS IN COLD REGIONS,
IT BECAME POPULAR TO DECORATE CANDLES LIKE THOSE OVER THERE AND OFFER THEM IN PLACE OF FLOWERS
THOSE ARE DECORATED CANDLES.

OH?
...
ARE THESE PEACE CANDLES? IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THEM.
ARE THEY ALL HAND-MADE...?
YES, THIS IS HOW THEY MADE IT IN THE PAST.
THAT'S WHY THERE AREN'T TOO MANY.
HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN ALONE?
YES, FOR THE MOST PART.
SOMETIMES MY COUSIN COMES IN TO HELP...
DON'T YOU FEEL ANXIOUS?
I'VE HEARD THAT SOME CRAZY THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THIS AREA LATELY
NO...
THIS PLACE MAY BE RUN-DOWN,
BUT IT DOES HAVE A PROPER LOCK.
HAVE YOU EVER GONE TO THE SCENE OF THE MURDERS?

YES, YES
I WANT A FLOWER CANDLE! FLOWERS!
OH, I CAN GIVE THOSE TO YOU, IF YOU'D LIKE.
I'M SORRY IF WE'VE DISTURBED YOU
WE WERE JUST CURIOUS.
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT. I DON'T MIND.
YUGI!
WHO ARE YOU...?
...DO COME AGAIN.
PLEASE

THE PRIME SUSPECT HAS A YOMIZAKURA MARK ON HIS HAND, AND YOU'RE TELLING ME IT'S A COINCIDENCE?
DID YOU SEE?
THEN DID YOU FEEL SOMETHING?
SEE WHAT?
WE CAUSED CARRIERS TO ACT UP, RIGHT?
HE DIDN'T REACT AT ALL
HIS RIGHT HAND.
THERE WAS A YOMIZAKURA MARK THERE
SO HE'S CLEAR?
IT'S BEEN IN FASHION AS A TALISMAN DESIGN LATELY
I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

WE SHOULD GO OVER EACH AND EVERY PERSON, AS WELL AS THE SURROUNDING AREA. NOT JUST HIM.
WE NEED A REASON THAT'S NOT AS SUBJECTIVE AS THE YOMIZAKURA MARK.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
ARE YOU CLOSING UP ALREADY...?
OPEN
!
LONG TIME NO SEE, SHIIISUI
OH...

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
zzzzz
...
click
HEY, WE SHOULD BRING MIKA-CHAN BACK SOON
YUGI ...?

KUROUZU CANDLES
Door locked my ass
It's like...
...he's saying, "Come in! Come in!"

!
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
YOU'RE FROM THIS AFTER-NOON...
IS THERE SOME-THING YOU NEED?
I HAVE SOME THINGS I NEED TO ASK YOU
WHAT-EVER YOU'D LIKE,
SO LONG AS YOU RETURN AFTER-.

I KNOW THERE WERE MURDERS NEARBY.
HOWEVER, I NEVER WENT TO THOSE SITES.
PROOF?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SHOWN PICTURED IN THE SIDE CROWDS
...OF THE MURDER SITES THAT OCCURRED NEAR YOUR PLACE?
!
ISN'T THERE A QUESTION YOU'D LIKE TO ASK MORE?
YEAH
I WANT TO KNOW EVERY-THING
...ABOUT THAT TATTOO ON YOUR RIGHT HAND
RIGHT HAND ...?
DON'T YOU MEAN MY LEFT?

YUGI!
UGH!
CHOKE
CLANG
!
BANG

CAUGHT YOU.
STAB
!
I WAS TOLD...
...NOT TO GO OVER-BOARD, BUT...
...IT SHOULD BE OK.
YOU WON'T DIE FROM SOMETHING LIKE THIS, RIGHT?!
YOU AND YOUR YASHA BLOOD !!!
PULL
GWAH !!!

PULL
...TO HIS PLACE NOW?
WHY DON'T WE GO ..
SLAM
!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE, AT LEAST TELL ME FIRST.

YOU DESERVED WHAT YOU GOT FOR NOT DOING THAT.
KAZU...
cough
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.
AT LEAST STAND UP ON YOUR OWN.

FU HA HA
HA HA HA HA
FU
CLICK
AH HA HA
HA HA
CRUNCH
I'M THE SAME AS YOU GUYS!
DON'T THINK I'D DIE SO EASILY!

SWIPE
TSK!
BANG BANG
!!
thump

KAZUHA...
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING YOU'RE IMMORTAL.
THROB
THROB
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE BLOOD OF VASHA RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEINS...
...DOESN'T MEAN YOUR FLESH CAN'T BE CUT...
NOT TO MENTION THE DRUGS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED...
...TO SLOW DOWN CELL REGENERATION.

BUT MY, WHAT PERFECT TIMING!
THIS WAY I CAN BRING BOTH OF YOU TO HIM AT ONCE!
I'M SURE HE WILL BE OVER-JOYED.
WHO ARE YOU PLANNING ...
...ON DRAG-GING US TO ?
...
SOME-ONE YOU KNOW VERY WELL.
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN WANTING TO MEET HIM ALL THIS TIME?
HE'S THE MAN OF THE YOMIZAKURA.

SHINOMIYA TATSUAKI...
...YOUR FATHER.
HE'S THE MAN ...
...WHO ALONE SLAUGHTERED ALL OF THE SHINOMIYA BLOODLINE TEN YEARS AGO.
HE...
...IS GOING TO CAUSE A REVOLUTION, TO SAVE THE PEOPLE FROM THE FOURTH CAPITAL.
FOR THAT
...HE SEEMS TO REQUIRE YOUR COOPERATION,
SHINOMIYA YUGI. KAZUHA.
HAH !!!
ISN'T THAT JUST CONVENIENT!
FIRST HE TRIES TO KILL US,
AND NOW HE WANTS US TO HELP HIM?!
WELL FUCK HIM !!!
YOU'RE WRONG
HE WAS TRYING TO SAVE YOU.

YOU AND YOUR BROTHER WOULD HAVE INEVITABLY DEVELOPED THE POWER OF YOUR BLOOD-LINE
EVERY-ONE KNEW THIS
AND...
...THEY WANTED TO USE YOUR POWERS.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS CHIL-DREN,
HE STAINED HIS OWN HANDS WITH BLOOD.
LIAR !!!
IN REAL-ITY,
AREN'T YOU JUST PLACED UNDER SUR-VEILLANCE, POWERS KEPT ON A TIGHT LEASH...
WHILE YOU WIPE THE UNDERGROUND ASSES OF THIS FARCE OF A COUNTRY?!
DON'T YOU WANT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE...
FROM THIS DARK-NESS? BRING THEM TO AN ERA OF TRUE PEACE?!
THAT IS MY JOB.
What ?!

BANG
BANG
BANG
!
OH ...?
SO YOU FOLLOWED THEM HERE, TOO...
EMPEROR OF THE FOURTH EMPIRE,
TOKIMITSU!

THEY WERE CARRIERS ANYWAY!
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW LOW YOU CAN BE
YOU TOOK THE LIVES OF FIVE PEOPLE SIMPLY TO LURE OUT THE SHINOMIYA BROTHERS.
TAKERU
THESE BULLETS WILL SLOW DOWN THE REGENERATION CAUSED BY THAT CURSED BLOOD OF YOURS,
IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE THE SHINOMIYA BROTHERS WOULD'VE KILLED THEM SOONER OR LATER!
QUIET.
AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR TATSUAKI WHILE YOU ARE AT IT.
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, YOU MAY LEAVE.

WE WILL PUT EVERYTHING WE HAVE GOT INTO DECIMATING...
...ANY THREAT TO THE LIGHT OF THE FOURTH EMPIRE!
HM...H!
LYING HYPOCRITE!
whoosh

MIKA..
CHAN..
SLUMP
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
HELP IS ON ITS WAY.
SHUUSUI!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
clatter
SHUUSUI?!
SLAM

!
THAT'S ...!
THIS IS THE MAN WE MET AT THE CANDLE STORE THIS AFTER-NOON.
M... MY BROTH-ER!
HE PROBABLY WANTED TO LURE YOU OUT BY CAUS-ING THESE EVENTS HERE, WHERE HIS YOUNGER BROTH-ER WORKED...
HE ASKED ME TO HELP HIM...
THAT MAN JUST NOW...
...IS SHUUSUI'S TWIN BROTHER.
...AND SET A TRAP HERE
WHEN I FOUGHT BACK, HE...

I TOLD YOU.
...I WAS ANXIOUS, DIDN'T I?
MIKA-CHAN...
THE SHINOMIYA AND KUROUZU FAMILIES HAVE ALWAYS HAD SPECIAL BLOOD FOR GENERA-TIONS
I HEARD THAT IF YOU GO BACK FAR ENOUGH, THEY DESCEND FROM THE SAME PER-SON
THE SHINOMIYA FAMILY TRADITIONALLY GUARDED THE EMPEROR, WHILE THE KUROUZU FAMILY FUNC-TIONED AS THE GUARDS OF THE PEOPLE.
DUE TO MARRIAGES OUTSIDE THE FAMILY, THE POWER OF THE BLOOD SHOULD HAVE DILUTED,
BUT...
...SOME PEOPLE TRIED TO STRENGTHEN THE BLOOD, SO THEY RE-SEARCHED IT...
...AND THUS YOU WERE BORN
THE VILE DISEASE THAT WAS CREATED ALONGSIDE THIS RESEARCH...
...IS THE ONE THAT'S RUNNING RAMPANT THROUGH THE FOURTH EMPIRE,
BT, SHORT FOR THE BLACK TAR.

I HEARD
...THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE UPPER ECHELON OF SOCIETY HELPED WITH THE RESEARCH
I DON'T BELIEVE
...THAT THE EXPERIMENT WAS JUSTIFIED
HOWEVER, NOW THAT IT HAS GOTTEN TO THIS,
I WILL ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH THE GOOD AND THE EVIL.
..AS THE LEADER OF THE CAPITAL.
COMPLETE ERADICATION OF IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME
BUT IF YOU BELIEVE IN ME,
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LEND ME YOUR POWER
...FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE FOURTH EMPIRE

STOP BOTHERING ME WITH YOUR POINTLESS RAMBLING!
HELLO! HELLO! BIG BRO HERE!
BEING GOOD ON YOUR END?
UM... DO I HAVE TO COME AS WELL?
OF COURSE!
THE OPPO-NENT'S STRONG THIS TIME—

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